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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary  
Amendment is respectfully requested:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend claims 2-7, 9, and 11 as follows:

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2. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the filter is polycarbonate.
  3. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the absorbent filter is a polyvinyl  
acetal foam.
  4. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the absorbent filter is 100% cotton  
fiber.

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